

Applicant: Gregory Barclay et al.
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 5 remain in the application.

All of the claims have amended to recite the gasket in its condition as shown in Figures 6 and 7 with the flange 36 extending axially at the aperture of a uniform thickness to an outer wavy edge 38 defined by valleys as lows 28 and crests as highs 30. This blank is then folded over to define the annular seal of varying thickness and varying height. None of the references suggest such a blank. The Lieb *et al.* patent discloses a separate bead 40 disposed on the gasket plate and there is no suggestion of the blank as recited in the claims and shown in Figures 4B, 6 and 7. Nor does the primary reference of Kashmerick *et al.* suggest such a configuration. Accordingly, no single reference, nor any combination of references, suggest the specific configuration now set forth in the claims.


Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted

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